THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) An Inter-Ministerial Committee has been constituted to review and revise the present Central Incentive Scheme. The Committee would *inter-alia* take into consideration the recommendations of Sivaraman Committee. Copies of the Press Note No. 14|5|85-DBA-I, dated 18-7-1985, constituting the Inter-Ministerial Committee are available in the Parliament Library.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The Central Scheme to develop industrially backward areas has been revised from time to time in the light of the experience gained and according to needs of the situation. A view on the recommendations of the Inter-Ministerial Committee will be taken after the report is received.

Construction of 400 KV transmission lines

1463. DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA:

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct 400 KV transmission lines to link Kerala and Tamil Nadu from Salem-Udumelpet-Trichur with Ramagundam Super Thermal Power Station in the near future;

(b) if so, the cost of the construction and by when the line is expected to be commissioned; what would be the length of transmission lines; and

(c) if the reply to part (a) above be in the negative what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The estimated cost of construction of the transmission lines from Salem to Udumelpet and thereon to Trichur North is Rs. 45.20 crores. The lines are expected to be commissioned by 1989-90. Salem-Udumelpet line will be about 160 km long and Udumelpet-Trichur North line about 110 Km long.

(c) Does not arise.

Average daily demand of gas cylinders

1464. DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA:

SHRI L. GANESAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the average daily demand of gas cylinders in the capital;

(b) what had been the average daily supply of gas cylinders in the capital during the last three months;

(c) what is the production capacity of bottling plant of IOC and other petroleum corporation; and

(d) what steps are being taken to ease shortage of gas cylinders in the capital and neighbourhood?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) The average daily demand of LPG cylinders in Delhi is about 21,000 which goes upto 27,000 in winter.

(b) The average daily supply of gas cylinders in the capital during the last three months was as under:—

August 1985	—	24,117
September	—	23,243
October	—	25,679

(c) and (d) The production capacity of the oil industry's bottling plants in Delhi is 25,340 cylinders per day which is utilised mainly for supplies to Delhi. Any occasional shortage in Delhi or its neighbourhood is met by augmenting supplies from nearby bottling plants.